operation, operation of under-frequency relays, installation of additional capacitors and rectification of damaged capacitors by the Constituent States. With the implementation of the measures relating to load management, there has been appreciable improvement in the Grid parameters. The average frequency has improved from 48.5Hz to 49.0 Hz.

Notices under DPCO to IDPL and HIL

1251. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have dispensed with the recovery proceedings under Para 7(2) of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 against HAL and IDPL;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any notification in this regard; and

(c) if not, how and on what basis such an action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Govt. has decided to drop proceedings under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979.

(b) and (c) No notification is necessary.

Income of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

1252. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total income of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has increased during the last six months of 1987 as compared to first six months of 1987; and

(b) if so, whether the MTNL propose to utilise this extra income for the purpose of increase in operational efficiency and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The available resources will be utilised both for increasing the operational efficiency and development.

Gas based power Stations in Gujarat

1253. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Miinster of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has submitted some proposals to set up gas-based power stations in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Gujarat is facing acute shortage of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Proposals in regard to setting up of the following gas-based power stations in Gujarat have been